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REFUGEES (VALENZUELA RODRIQUEZ, HECTOR)

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1. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON SUBJECT HECTOR VALENZUELA RODRIGUEZ, ON WHOM WE HAVE NO RECORD OR KNOWLEDGE, WE FEEL COMPELLED TO ATTEMPT AGAIN TO CLARIFY STRUCTURE AND POLITICAL NATURE OF CUT AND CHILEAN LABOR MOVEMENT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11, 1973.

2. PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1973, MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR UNION (IF ONE EXISTED IN THE ENTERPRISE) WAS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS. THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THEY COULD REMAIN DIS-AFFILIATED WITH THE UNION WAS BY RESIGNING THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

3. THERE NEVER WERE INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATES OF CUT. CUT WAS, AS ITS NAME (CONFEDERATION UNICA DE TRABAJADORES) IMPLIES, THE ONLY OR EXCLUSIVE CONFEDERATION IN CHILE. IF WAS COMPOSED OF AFFILIATE FEDERATIONS OR IN SOME CASES AFFILIATE UNIONS, BUT NEVER INDIVIDUALS. THE DETERMINING PRACTICE FOR DECIDING AFFILIATION OF A UNION OR FEDERATION IN CUT WAS THROUGH MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP (OBLIGATORY) OF THE UNIT INVOLVED. THUS A UNIT AS A WHOLE EITHER AFFILIATED OR REMAINED INDEPENDENT. IF FOR EXAMPLE A UNION

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IN ARICA VOTED 1001 FOR AFFILIATION AND 999 AGAINST, ALL

OF THE LATTER OPPOSED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL SYMPATHIES, WOULD BECOME "MEMBERS" OF CUT. THEIR ONLY RECOURSE WOULD BE TO RESIGN FROM THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

4. THERE ARE MANY HIGH AND MEDIUM LEVEL FUNCTIONARIES OF THE PRESENT GOC WHO WERE "MEMBERS" OF CUT UP THROUGH THE TIME OF ITS DEMISE. MANY OF THESE SAME "MEMBERS" (IN THE SAME SENSE THAT VALENZUELA IS A "MEMBER") OCCUPIED HIGHER OFFICERS IN CUT THAN DID THE SUBJECT. A NUMBER OF THESE WERE MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL PARTY.

5. PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1973 VIRTUALLY ALL OF CHILE'S PERMANENT WORK FORCE WERE MEMBERS OF UNIONS AFFILIATED TO CUT. EVEN UNIONS WHICH WERE PREDOMINANTLY COMPOSED OF ANTI-MARXISTS, CONSERVATIVES OR MODERATES PREFERRED TO REMAIN AFFILIATED TO CUT. MOST FELT THIS WAS NECESSARY TO BRING THE ORGANIZATION BACK UNDER MORE MODERATE CONTROL. AT THE TIME OF THE COUP, THE POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL CUT LEADERSHIP WAS 31 PERCENT COMMUNIST, 28 PERCENT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATE, 28 PERCENT SOCIALIST, FOUR PERCENT RADICAL, AND THE REST DISTRIBUTED AMONG NINE MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES.

6. CUT NEVER "BECAME VIOLENT." TO THE CONTRARY, (AND TO THE SURPRISE OF MOST CHILEAN MARXISTS) THE LEADERSHIP AND "MEMBERSHIP" HEADED FOR THE NEAREST COVER WHEN THE FIRST SHOT OF THE COUP WAS FIRED.

7. IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT THE SUBJECT "WORKED FOR CUT" IN HIS CAPACITY AS "SUPLENTE," (WE ASSUME HE WAS A "SUPLENTE" FOR A REGIONAL "CONSEJERO"). SUPLENTE OF NATIONAL "CONSEJEROS" WERE NEVER EMPLOYEES NOR DID THEY RECEIVE SALARIES. ONLY NATIONAL "CONSEJEROS" WERE PAID TO WORK FULL TIME FOR THE ORGANIZATION. THE ONLY PAID POSITION IN ARICA WAS THAT OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

8. VALENZUELA MAY BE EXCLUDABLE FOR SOME REASON, BUT, IF SO, HE IS BECAUSE OF FACTS NOT SUBMITTED IN REFTEL. IT IS AN ERROR TO DENY HIM APPROVAL ON THE BASIS OF MISUNDERSTANDING OF NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF CUT AND OF GENERAL POLITICAL NATURE OF THE CHILEAN UNION MOVEMENT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1973. PAROLEE APPLICANTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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